

## **UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Thursday, March 26, 2015**

**7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Blackgrove, Kissling, McPherron, Lehr and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the claims as presented.

Ed Cole, President, Dubois Strong was present to update the Council on Dubois Strong's efforts over the last year and gave a vision for the future. He informed the Council that the Dubois Strong annual meeting will be held at the Klub Haus, in Jasper, on April 22, 2015 from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Sue Tooley, addressed the Council concerning dispatching issues as a result of the retirement of Carolyn Bartelt. A Part-Time At-Home Emergency Dispatcher was requested. The position was discussed and a rate of \$87.41 per 24 hour period on call was recommended. There was discussion on the position being a temporary position while a permanent solution is sought.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the position of Temporary Part-time At-Home Emergency Dispatcher at rate of \$87.41 per 24 hour period on call not to exceed 90 days and to then be further reviewed.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented his monthly Electric Utility report. He informed the Board of the need to acquire a back-up 4 KV transformer at the Southern Railroad yard. He noted that a temporary electric service hook-up was installed for Miller-Valentine at the old St. Joseph's Hospital site.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas Utility Report. He noted that he has received 17 service applications for gas around County Road 300 N. He indicated that work will resume when weather permits on plugging and capping the remaining wellheads at the gas storage field.

Reutepohler presented pictures and gave a summary of his visit to Frankton, Indiana to view IMPA's solar park located there.

Water Superintendent Williams presented his monthly report. Williams updated the Board on the "Rain Garden" project at the City Lake. He indicated that consultants Rusty Schmitt and Rick Mitchel will be working on the project together. The goal is to have a model "Rain Garden" done this year. The project is to be paid for with a grant.

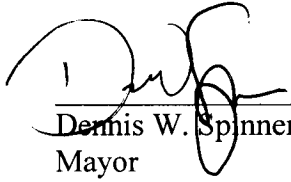
Williams informed the Board of the plan to test the "slip lining" of the old water pipes under Highway 231 at 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Lining the pipes would result in less trenching and disruption on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and would mean considerable savings if the testing is successful.

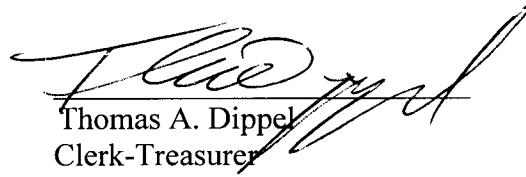
Williams informed the Board that a City not too far from Huntingburg has a contaminated water source and has decided to disassemble and scrap the plant built in 2007. Part of the plant is an Ultraviolet water purification system that possibly could be retrofitted to our plant. He indicated that it could possibly be used in conjunction with our chlorine system. He will be looking at it to see if it would be worth purchasing.

It was noted that last year's spraying of the trees on 4<sup>th</sup> Street to inhibit blooming was not as successful as was hoped.

The Mayor noted that there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the Lofts of St. Joseph's tomorrow at 10:30 A.M. on the old hospital grounds.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 o'clock P.M.

  
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Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor

  
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Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer